

Nov. 16, 1959.

Dear Hirota

Few dayes back, professor S. Akabori talde me about program on invitation of the most distinguished professor, really top-levelled scientist through all over the world, sponsored by National Academy of Science of Japan, and asked me about such a brilliant researcher.

I recomended professor Joshua Lederberg with his wife to Akabori, because, I believe that he is a most suitable professor for such a program by his brilliant works and careers over wide field of biology, and also I have heard, I hope it is not rumour, he might have interest on visitting Japan sometime when he has reasonable invitation and enough time to do so.

He, professor Akabori, agreed on my opinion with pleasure, and desired to invite him as a guest of National Academy of Science of Japan.

The Academy will invite him for 2 to 3 monthes until end of March in 1960, and desired to recieve his lectures during his stay.

And it will take care all his expenses for the travelling and staying, to and in, our country. And also he suggested that it is our pleasure to invite his wife with him in this program also.

I believe, we can send formal invitation right now to him, but we rather think it may be better way to ask him about it through you, because you may interpret many other things concerning this program more than our simple letter.

Please let us know about his mind. And also please send our best regards to Lederbergs.

Kikkawa